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Governor James shown welcoming Mayor LaGuardia at Capitol.

## LaGuardia Lauds Pennsylvania For Progress In Civilian Defense

Pennsylvania's civilian defense program moved forward under new impetus this week following the appearance of U. S. Director F. H. LaGuardia before a gathering of 1100 Defense Council leaders last Friday in Harrisburg.

LaGuardia's speech, in which he declared "there can be no division of thought on the need to take every possible measure for the protection of our homes and people," was the highlight of a day-long round of activities.

Received by Governor Arthur H. James and his cabinet at the Capitol, the energetic Mr. LaGuardia was guest of honor at a luncheon given by the State Council of Defense before speaking at the state-wide rally. Afterward, he left by plane for New York.

Governor James introduced LaGuardia as a man who had become mayor of New York, director of the OCD, and Chairman of the U.S.-Canadian Defense Commission strictly on ability and initiative. The President's action in naming him head of civilian defense was a rare act of confidence, said James.

Before speaking, LaGuardia heard an oral report of Pennsylvania's civilian defense progress delivered by Dr. A. C. Marts, executive director of the SCD.

Among the accomplishments cited by Dr. Marts were: 541

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## Statement of Aims For American Unity

A sub-committee of ten members will prepare a statement of aims and methods for the State Council's Advisory Committee on American Unity as a result of action taken at the committee's highly successful first meeting on Friday in Harrisburg.

The meeting, which preceded the rally addressed by Mayor LaGuardia, attracted approximately 200 members, representing a cross-section of civic, fraternal, religious, racial, and professional groups in the state.

Governor James and Dr. A. C. Marts addressed the meeting and the Governor introduced the committee's chairman, Dr. Daniel A. Poling, pastor of Grace Baptist Temple in Philadelphia. Dr. Poling, who also is president of the International Society of Christian Endeavor and editor of the

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## Plant Protection School Program To Start This Week

With an outstanding group of experts scheduled as instructors, Pennsylvania's first Plant Protection School will open in Philadelphia this week under sponsorship of the State Council of Defense.

Several hundred trainees from industries, institutions and other establishments vulnerable to air attack are registered to attend the three-day session, which will be held in Houston Hall, at the University of Pennsylvania, beginning Thursday, Nov. 20.

The trainees will attend class from 9 A.M. to 5 P.M. each day and will be given diplomas at the close of the training by Dr. A. C. Marts, executive director of the SCD. They will then return to their own plants and organize air raid protection squads.

A second School, giving the same course of instruction, will be held at Carnegie Institute of Technology, in Pittsburgh, on Dec. 4, 5, and 6. The staff of instructors will be practically the same as at Philadelphia, and Local Defense Councils are asked to stimulate the interest of local companies in sending trainees.

The general plan for the Schools, which was drawn up by the OCD in Washington, was endorsed at a meeting of Pennsylvania industrial and institutional representatives late last month.

The program for the Philadelphia school follows:

Nov. 20—Morning: Chairman, Dean John A. Goff, Towne Scientific School, University of Pennsylvania; Introductory Remarks. Member of the State Council of Defense; Introductory Address, Lewis O. Barrows, Office (Continued on page 4)

## SURPRISE TEST FINDS AIR WARDENS READY

A surprise checkup by the Army to determine how many air raid wardens were available for instant duty last Saturday in eastern Pennsylvania produced favorable response.

Messages asking the Air Raid Warning Centers in 20 counties to contact wardens in their area were sent out by the State Council of Defense. Eleven of the 20 counties reported practically all of their wardens could have gone on duty had there been an emergency.



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### LaGuardia Lauds Pa. Civilian Defense (Continued from page 1)

Councils of Defense in operation; 19 Air Raid Warning Districts organized and a total of 19,806 wardens ready for service; 2174 volunteer fire wardens; Emergency Medical Committees functioning in 110 Defense Councils; 108 education committees; widespread first aid training through the Red Cross; American Unity committees in 120 communities; 103 local Consumer Committees; 92 Women's Home Defense Units; 16 Volunteer Offices; 18 college divisions; 99 local Agriculture Committees; attendance of at least 7,000 persons at the first 39 County Defense Institutes; sponsoring of Plant Protection Schools; and the creation of two District Councils of Defense.

Mayor LaGuardia received the Pennsylvania report with enthusiasm and declared "there is not the slightest doubt that the program will be carried out with great success in this state." He commended Governor James for his "enthusiastic leadership, as Governor, in pushing civilian defense measures."

The question of apathy on the part of many people, as cited by Dr. Marts, brought from LaGuardia the statement that not all people have yet got over the old-fashioned belief that distance means safety.

"The technique of war has entirely changed and it has become necessary to create and establish another, additional army of defense—known as civilian defense," LaGuardia said: "Heretofore, cities were reasonably safe unless they lay in the path of an army or in a war zone. Distance was a protection—but that is no longer true."

The distance factor has been wiped out, of course, by the airplane, he said, reminding that planes fly from America to Europe every day and that planes could cross in the opposite direction just as easily.

La Guardia scouted the idea that

America has no stake in the present war. "We are not neutral," he said. "If anyone entertains the idea that the United States is neutral, then they haven't kept informed about what is going on."

"The American people, through Congress, have acted—not yesterday, when the Neutrality Act was revised, but several months ago, with the passage of the Lend-Lease Act. When a country says 'we will aid with guns and materials one group of warring nations,' they're not neutral."

LaGuardia warned that in civilian defense "the very first task is to bring about a self-imposed discipline on the part of the entire population. If we are attacked, we will have losses. But we can reduce those losses by careful planning and by cooperation."

He outlined the various emergency duties being undertaken by civilian volunteers and predicted that only the stout-hearted would be able to stick to their posts throughout an emergency. "It's not going to be pleasant," he said.

Declaring that labor has its responsibilities in the defense program just as much as industry, the Army and the Navy, LaGuardia added:

"If we all work together, we may never be involved. There is one thing the Axis leaders understand—that is force. One of the greatest strengths of the Axis is their national unity. They have gotten unity by persecution and oppression, but we think we can get it by voluntary democratic action."

"If Hitler wins, we will have to remain in a state of emergency for the next 20 or 25 years. We don't want that. We want to live in peace and continue to advance and progress."

### Aims for American Unity (Continued from page 1)

Christian Herald, outlined vigorous steps for the group in building citizen morale.

The ten members invited by Dr. Poling to draft the statement of aims are: Vance C. McCormick and John A. Phillips, of Harrisburg; Carl B. Shelley, Steelton; E. J. Kelly, Pittsburgh; Bishop D. H. Sims, M. B. Fagan, and E. A. Linsky, Jr., of Philadelphia; Mrs. Emma Guffey Miller, Slippery Rock; Mrs. Worthington Scranton of Scranton, and James D. Wallace, Penbrook.

Others who took an active part in the meeting which was presided over by Speaker of the House Elmer J. Kilroy, a member of the SCD, included:

Rev. E. L. Junkin, Lewisburg; Col. E. G. Smith, Wilkes-Barre publisher; Gobin Granage, (Spanish War Veterans), Philadelphia; John G. Rainey (Disabled Veterans), Pittsburgh; Senator A. J. Cavalcante, Uniontown; Rabbi David P. Bookstaber, Harrisburg; I. G. G. Forster (State Commander, American Legion); Mrs. Alfred Crooks (Pa. Federation of Women's Clubs); Mrs. Ella Black (W. C. T. U.); Mrs. S. W. Lavton, Philadelphia; Mrs. Harrison Smith, Haverford; John H. Broadhead, Philadelphia; D. A. Best, (State School Directors Assn.), East McKeesport; Carl Tintman, (Society of 28th Div.), Forty-Fort; Mrs. Vance McCormick (Pa. Girl Scouts); George Christoph (Pa. Chiefs of Police), Erie; John E. Person (Pa. Newspaper Publishers), Williamsport; Barbara McGlynn, Wilkes-Barre; and Frances Maher, Kane.

## 16 Councils Report Volunteer Offices

Sixteen cities and counties in Pennsylvania have started Civilian Defense Volunteer Offices along the lines suggested by Washington, and the State Council of Defense is ready to assist other places with similar projects.

Mrs. E. A. VanValkenburg, of the SCD staff, has been assigned to help Local Defense Councils which ask for advice in establishing Volunteer Offices. Many places already have Volunteer Offices which can easily be adapted to the suggested plan.

The 16 Defense Councils which already have Offices underway are: Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, Scranton, Allentown, Altoona, Williamsport, Harrisburg, Pottstown, York, Camp Hill, and the counties of Chester, Northampton, Schuylkill, Bucks, Delaware, and Montgomery.

Miss Wilma vanDusseldorp, of the OCD regional office in Baltimore, spent several days at the State Council headquarters in connection with Volunteer Offices.

## CONSUMER GROUP MEETS

The State Council's Advisory Committee on Consumer Interests met at Harrisburg last Saturday and discussed matters of procedure. The meeting was presided over by Mrs. H. B. Eliason, of Philadelphia, the chairman.

Among the members attending were: Miss Irene McDermott, Pittsburgh; William H. Hager, Lancaster; Dr. H. F. Weber, Lock Haven Teachers College; Prof. Duane Ramsey, Penn State; Dr. E. C. Cornelius, committee vice-chairman, of Bucknell; and Miss Mamie Davis, Philadelphia.

## LaGUARDIA SENDS HIS THANKS TO GOVERNOR

A copy of the following message from Mayor LaGuardia to Governor James, following LaGuardia's visit to Harrisburg, was sent to the State Council of Defense:

November 15, 1941

My dear Governor James:

I cannot pass up this opportunity to tell you with what satisfaction I am reviewing my Harrisburg visit. The hospitality you and your associates extended to me, the splendid character of the meeting, the fine report submitted by Dr. Marts, everything in fact, was encouraging and inspiring.

Please accept my personal appreciation and my most sincere respects and regards.

Cordially yours,

(signed) F. H. LaGuardia,  
U. S. Director of Civilian Defense.





(Courtesy Pittsburgh Press)

AT PITTSBURGH—Shown at meeting Nov. 10 discussing new District Council of Defense plans for Pittsburgh area are, left to right: Col. Clifton Lisle, acting regional director for OCD; Dr. A. C. Marts, executive director, and Dr. Webster Newton Jones, member, State Council of Defense; and E. C. Stone, chairman of Pittsburgh Council of Defense.

### Institutes Scheduled

The long trail of County Defense Institutes which started in the eastern counties on Oct. 20 will reach into the final lap—the Pittsburgh area—on Dec. 1.

A schedule that will complete the state-wide series, except for five Philadelphia area counties, has been drawn up and approved. It includes several counties whose Institutes were postponed from earlier dates.

The new dates and places are:

Date	County	Place
Nov. 24	Westmoreland	Greensburg
Dec. 1	Lawrence	New Castle
	*Luzerne	Hazleton
Dec. 2	Beaver	Beaver
	*Luzerne	Wilkes-Barre
Dec. 3	Greene	Waynesburg
	Tioga	Wellsboro
Dec. 4	Washington	Washington
	Butler	Butler
Dec. 5	Fayette	Uniontown
	Erie	Erie
Dec. 8	*Cambria	Johnstown
Dec. 9	Armstrong	Kittanning
Dec. 10	Allegheny	Pittsburgh
	* Part of County	

### Council Protests Lack Of Coordinated Mailing

A formal protest against the indiscriminate flow of civilian defense pamphlets and instructions to various local officials and organizations, instead of through regular Defense Council channels, has been forwarded by the State Council of Defense to the OCD in Washington.

The protest was drafted in the form of a resolution by the Northampton County Council of Defense, as follows: "Resolved that the Northampton County Council of Defense advise the State Council of Defense of its dissatisfaction with the manner in which various defense-minded organizations fail to coordinate their efforts with the State Council of Defense and of its belief that the duplication of effort and lack of cooperation resulting from the lack of coordination of effort will hinder the work of the organized Local Councils of Defense."

### Homes Registration Aids New Program

Pennsylvania's 17 Homes Registration Offices have been assigned an important role in the Government's new remodeling and reconditioning program, under which loans and free technical advice are available to property-owners who remodel their houses to accommodate defense workers.

The national goal in this campaign is to make available 15,000 extra rooms and apartments. Owners wishing to participate are to apply at Homes Registration Offices.

The Homes Registration Offices in Pennsylvania have been organized by Local Defense Councils in areas having defense housing shortages. The offices now operating, and their directors, are:

**Beaver**—Ralph C. Bennett; **Beaver Falls**—E. L. Lancaster; **Bristol**—Mr. Spencer; **Canonsburg**—Mrs. Sarah Hopper; **Chester**—Paul J. Carey; **Clairton**—Michael E. Wargo; **Duquesne**—Joseph Rosenberg; **Ellwood City**—R. J. Schill.

**Erie**—J. K. Shields; **Hatboro**—John C. Miller; **Homestead**—A. H. Mercer; **Middletown**—Mrs. Ella Lauman; **Monessen**—John F. Butler; **New Kensington**—Benjamin F. Davis; **Philadelphia**—William L. Mudge, Jr.; **Pittsburgh**—James W. Patterson; **York**—Ralph H. Lookingbill.

The organization of Fair Rent Com-

### District Council of Defense Is Created

A Metropolitan District Council of Defense has now been established for the Pittsburgh area, comprising Allegheny, Greene, Fayette, Washington, Westmoreland, Armstrong, Beaver, Butler, and Lawrence counties.

The action was taken in a proclamation by Governor Arthur H. James on Nov. 10, and details were worked out on the same day at an enthusiastic meeting of Defense Council chairmen of the nine-county area held in Pittsburgh.

In his proclamation, the Governor designated the chairmen of the nine County Councils to be members of the District Council, under leadership of Mayor Cornelius D. Scully, of Pittsburgh, who had been named District Coordinator by U. S. Director LaGuardia.

The Pittsburgh District Council will be in charge of coordinating county efforts so that emergency equipment and resources within the entire District can be used interchangeably across county lines. This is the same task undertaken by the Philadelphia District Council in the other big metropolitan area of the state.

mittees likewise has been carried out by Local Defense Councils. Karl Borders, chief of the Rent Section, OPA, in Washington, reports the following Fair Rent Committees and chairmen in Pennsylvania:

**Allentown**—Charles W. Ettinger; **Bethlehem**—Andrew Morgan; **Chester**—Norman Snyder; **Duquesne**—William Bedont; **Etna**—Charles F. Seitz; **New Kensington** and **Arnold**—Anthony Mele, of Arnold; **Philadelphia**—Judge N. S. Winnet; and **Pittsburgh**—R. Templeton Smith.



## News From Local Councils

Speaking at County Defense Institutes is only a "preliminary" for Sgt. A. William Ryne, of the Philadelphia Police College . . . After the Institutes, he has taken time, often in the wee hours of the morning, to assist 27 counties in dividing their area into sectors and posts where air raid wardens are needed.

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Philadelphia's City Council has just voted \$65,000 to finance the city's Council of Defense . . . At Lancaster, meanwhile, Mayor D. E. Cary announced an agreement between the city and county for joint financial support of the Defense Council there.

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Consumer Information Centers are being set up in a number of communities . . . A newspaper is organizing a Center in Pittsburgh, while at Scranton the Defense Council consumer committee, headed by Mary Evans, has opened a Center . . . Lock Haven, Williamsport, Harrisburg, Wilkes-Barre, and Philadelphia are other cities where the projects are underway.

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Public-spirited citizens have donated office space and supplies for the Carlisle Council of Defense . . . A large hotel room has been made available to the Council for use as an emergency hospital ward.

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New appointments, here and there, include: Dr. J. Russell Doubman, associate professor of marketing at University of Pennsylvania, named chairman of the Philadelphia consumer committee; and Dr. J. E. Hugus, chairman of the Defense Council in Selinsgrove, named chairman for Snyder county.

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In Waynesboro, the Defense Council, under chairman Walter C. Richter,

is providing boxes for shipment of clothing to Britain . . . The clothing is being collected by the local Red Cross chapter.

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Nearly one hundred Defense Council leaders in the nine-county Pittsburgh area attended the meeting that made plans for the District Council of Defense there . . . The session was held in the Mayor's Reception Room of the City-County Building, Pittsburgh.

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Training classes for civilian defense volunteers have been announced in York, Ambler, and Haverford Twp. . . Mrs. James P. Paul, Women's Home Defense chairman at York, reported classes underway there in nutrition, food planning, and canteen work.

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Before leaving for a year's Army service at Aberdeen, Md., Edward A. Sahli, director of public safety in Beaver Falls, asked each local fireman to enroll five persons for auxiliary fire-fighting duty . . . Lansdowne, Mauch Chunk and Williamsport also are forming auxiliary fire units.

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Scrap collections have netted small sums to two Defense Councils . . . The Harrisburg unit sold iron and steel that came in with the aluminum donations for \$25, and Crawford County received \$15 in a junk campaign to aid local factories.

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Blair County gave its Defense Institute a "build-up" in the newspapers as a part of Civilian Defense Week . . . The Altoona Mirror described the program as the first "summons to citizens to prepare themselves" since Lee's army advanced into Pennsylvania in 1863 . . . Harry C. Smith is executive chairman of the Blair County council.

## PROMISING HEADWAY IS MADE IN PHILADELPHIA

Philadelphia's organization of air raid wardens and auxiliary firemen and police will be virtually completed by the end of this month, according to a report to the S.C.D. by Guy E. Parsons, the city's chief air raid warden.

The progress in each branch of service was summarized as follows:

**Air Raid Wardens**—All 45 chief zone wardens and 450 chief sector wardens enrolled, and their training three-fourths completed. About half of the 18,000 post wardens are enrolled.

**Auxiliary Firemen**—Nearly half of the 5000 volunteers needed are enrolled and taking a course of training at their local fire stations.

**Auxiliary Police**—Approximately 6000 of the required 10,000 are enrolled and in training.

## NINE MORE COLLEGES FORM DEFENSE UNITS

Nine more colleges have responded to the request of the State Council of Defense that they organize College Defense Councils on their campuses. This brings the total that have acted to approximately 20.

The nine latest institutions to report were: Bryn Mawr, Carnegie Tech, Cheyney Teachers, Cedar Crest, Lehigh, Moravian, Muhlenberg, Penn State, and University of Scranton.

### Plant Protection School Program (Continued from page 1)

of Civilian Defense; "Air Raid Wardens," Howard Johnson, Manager, Midland Shipbuilding Corp., Midland, Ontario; "Protection of Hospitals," Dr. W. Ross Cameron, Chief Medical Officer, Third Corps Area.

Afternoon: "Warnings—Inside Communications," Representative of Bell Telephone Co.; "Shock Effects on Plant Structures," Prof. F. P. Witmer, Director of the Civil Engineering Department, University of Pennsylvania; "Outline of Organization for Industrial First Aid," Dr. Hubley R. Owen, Director of Health and Chairman of the Council of Defense of Philadelphia.

Nov. 21—Morning: "Handling Incendiary Bombs," Major Harold R. Brayton, U. S. Army, Division of Chemical Warfare; "Specific Plans for Plant Protection Against Incendiary Bombs," Col. Geo. J. B. Fisher, U. S. Army, Division of Chemical Warfare; "Plans of the Office of Civilian Defense on Plant Protection," Lieut. Commander Samuel Singer, Office of Civilian Defense; "Essential Fire Fighting Methods," Percy Bugbee, Gen. Manager, National Fire Protection Assn.

Afternoon: Chairman, James H. Malone, Director of Public Safety, Philadelphia; "Air Raids in Action," Capt. Donald S. Leonard, Office of Civilian Defense; "Emergency Communications," Herbert A. Friede, Supt. Fire Alarms, Washington, D. C.; "Arson in Defense Industries," A. Bruce Bielaski, National Board of Fire Underwriters. Banquet (7 PM.). Address by Dr. Alexander J. Stoddard, Supt. of Schools, Philadelphia.

Nov. 22—Morning: Chairman, Dr. Hubley R. Owen, Philadelphia; "Fire Brigades in Industry," Arthur W. Espey, Director, Fire School, Penna. Public Service Institute; "Industrial Plant Protection—Police and Guards," John F. Sears, Director, Philadelphia Office, FBI; Camouflage and Blackouts," Major Peter Rodenko, Corps of Engineers, Second Corps Area.

Afternoon: Chairman, Hon. Elmer J. Kilroy, Speaker, House of Representatives, State Council of Defense; "Gas Defense and Decontamination," Major Willard A. Johnston, U. S. Army, Division of Chemical Warfare; "Protection of School Buildings," James Marshall, President, New York City Board of Education, Chairman, LaGuardia Committee on School Plant Protection; Expression of original ideas by the trainees.

## Housewife's Aluminum Is Used Exactly As Uncle Sam Promised

An official communication clearing up "erroneous" reports about the recent nation-wide Aluminum Campaign has been received by Governor Arthur H. James, chairman of the S.C.D.

"In the first place, all of the pots and pans contributed by the Nation's housewives will be used directly or indirectly in defense, and the material was and is urgently needed," said the report, sent by Paul C. Cabot, deputy chief of the Bureau of Industrial Conservation, in Washington.

Other facts stressed by Cabot were:

At least 20 per cent of the ingots produced will be 98% Plus aluminum, which can be

used directly in airplane construction. Another 25 per cent will be suitable for castings, and the balance will be used in steel mill defense operations.

The proceeds of the sale of the scrap to smelters are part of the Miscellaneous Receipts of the Treasury Department, and as such are subject to appropriation by Congress.

Delay in moving the aluminum was caused "not by lack of interest" but because of the precaution taken in selling all of the metal to 28 approved smelters. "Obviously, 28 smelters cannot do what two or three thousand experienced scrap dealers could do in the same time—hence the delay," said Cabot.

Pennsylvania, contributing more than 900,000 pounds, was second to New York in the state-by-state aluminum totals. New York reported 1,050,000 pounds.